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Through the conress of Brother Kinne who has recently returned from China where he has been in the interest of the Church of the Nazarene, we are enabled to give you some statistics and general information concerning conditions in China's medical world which will aid your judgment in answering the question which forms the caption of this article.

The people in the eighteen Provinces are 439,214,000 strong. The great majority are too poor to supply need or to eare for the body and without knowledge of how to do it.

The accommodations for giving medical attention to this great mass of humanity—about one fifth of earth's inhabitants—are as follows:

By Provinces

Prov. of Fukien has one bed for every 9,210 inhabitants. Prov. of Kianjsu has one hed for every 9,240 inhabitants.

Prov. of Chekiang has one hed for every 9,850 inhabitants.

Prov. of Kwangtung has one bed for every 11,940 inhabitants.

Prov. of Chili has one bed for every 20,130 inhabitants.

Prov. of Human has one bed for every 23,700 inhabitants.

Prov. of Shansi has one bed for every 31,130 inhabitants.

Prov. of Hupeh has one bed for every 36,590 inhabitants.

Prov. of Shantung has one bed for every 38,240 inhabitants. (our prov.)

Prov. of Honan has one bed for every 42,550 inhabitants.

Prov. of Kwangsi has one bed for every 44,000 inhabitants.

Prov. of Szchuan has one bed for every 68,180 inhabitants.

Prov. of Anhuen has one bed for every 70,800 inhabitants.

Prov. of Kweiehen has one bed for every 76,500 inhabitants.

Prov. of Shensi has one bed for every 81,250 inhabitants.

Prov. of Kansu has one bed for every 86,540 inhabitants.

Prov. of Kiangsi has one bed for every 151,600 inhabitants.

Prov. of Yunan has one bed for every 246,400 inhabitants.

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80% of hospitals replied From these replies we gain the following information

34% have no nurse.

60% have only one trained nurse.

37% depend on patients friends.

62% have no night nurse.

37% have no bedding, or very little bedding.

58% are unable to clothe patients in clean garments.

8% only, have pure water supply.

6% only, have water piped in building.

50% seldom or never bathe patients.

43% have no laundries.

34% have no pressure sterilizer.

73% have no means of sterilizing bedding.

37% have no protection against flies and mosquitoes.

65% have no isolation block or courtyard.

31% have no laboratory.

82% have no bacterilogical incubator.

87% have no X-ray plant.

The magnitude of these facts after almost two thousand years since our blessed Lord gave the commission staggers us, and should not require comment.

"The gospel of health" as some one has termed it, is **not** the great commission, but is a mighty factor which God has been pleased to use as a fore runner of the gospel of salvation.

Were we to regard this work from none other than a humanitarian standpoint the **need** is the **argument** why we should waste no more time, but **arise and build**. Are you with us?

Should we, or should we not recognize and assume our responsibility as stewards of discharging our obligation toward this most needy people, will determine our standing—"When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory.

And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand. Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited

me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? Or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto

And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto yon, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

Then shall be say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:

I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal."

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